

Marbury, Negley, Pugh, Ridgely, Schley, Smith of Carroll, Smith of Dorchester, Stockbridge, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—33.

So Mr. STIRLING's amendment was adopted.

Mr. MARBURY, when his name was called, asked to be excused from voting. Not being excused, he voted—no.

On motion of Mr. BARRON.
The Convention adjourned.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, May 27, 1864.

The Convention met at 11 A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Davenport.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

MESSRS. Goldsborough, President ; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Belt, Berry of Baltimore county, Berry of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis of Charles, Davis of Washington, Dellinger, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hebb, Henkle, Hodson, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Johnson, Jones of Cecil, Jones of Somerset, Keefer, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Marray, Negley, Noble, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Scott, Smith of Carroll, Smith of Dorchester, Sneary, Stirling, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—81.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. SANDS. I wish to ask a question for information. I was not present during the debate, and I wish to ask the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Stirling) whether his amendment is intended to preclude the Legislature from passing a mere poll tax? If it is thus meant, I have an order to offer.

Mr. DANIEL. Is that in order?

The PRESIDENT. Not without unanimous consent.

Mr. STIRLING. I object. The gentleman calls upon me for an answer.

PRINTING OF THE RULES.

The Convention proceeded to to the consideration of the following order, submitted by Mr. Valliant, on Wednesday last.

Ordered, That 130 copies of the Rules and Orders for the government of the Convention be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the members.

Mr. VALLIANT. I move that the further consideration of this order be postponed until to-morrow for reasons that are obvious.

Mr. MILLER. I am opposed to the further postponement of the order.

Mr. HEBB. The Rules have already been

printed and furnished to members, as adopted upon the second reading. There has been no change since.

Mr. MILLER. The object is to have them printed in pamphlet form, so as to be more convenient to refer to, and less liable to be lost or mislaid.

Mr. VALLIANT. I would not press the postponement until to-morrow. If the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Cushing) is prepared to make his motion to amend the rules, and have that question decided to-day, we can then take up this order and pass it.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I really think it is time we had some settled rules adopted in this body. Some gentlemen seem to think it is their peculiar duty every morning to give notice that they intend to move to change the rules the next day. I am willing that any change should be effected in the rules of the body, which may produce harmony, or tend to promote the successful transaction of our business here. But I am not willing to have them changed every day, or to have the very same change proposed which has been fully discussed and voted down day after day. I hope this question will be finally disposed of, and that we may have the rules for the government of the House printed and placed before us at once. It is the only means of proceeding with the business before us with satisfaction to ourselves or to the public at large.

Mr. HENKLE. I do not think it is necessary to postpone this further. The motion of the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Cushing) can be acted upon and disposed of to-day, before the matter goes into the printer's hands.

The motion to postpone was rejected—ayes 33, noes 34.

The order was adopted—ayes 44 ; noes not counted.

AMENDMENT OF THE RULES.

Mr. CUSHING, in accordance with previous notice, submitted the following amendment to the report of the Committee on Rules :

Amend Rule 42 by striking out the words "on the final passage of a report, or a motion to suspend the rules or," so that the rule shall read :

Rule 42. All questions, except those herein provided for, shall be determined by a majority of the members present ; those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so, *vice versa*, until a decision by the President.

Mr. CUSHING. I want to make a few remarks in reference to suggestions which have been made to the House. In speaking of this rule, it has been called in the debate, not at all appropriately, the rule of the 20. But the gentleman from Prince George's forgot, on the supposition he made yesterday, to designate its opponents as the 24. Or, taking 50 as the number present at any meeting of the Convention, only 2, who want to suspend